

U. S. Commissioners to George Graham, July 9, 1817, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

U. S. COMMISSIONERS TO SECRETARY GRAHAM.¹

¹ In Jackson's handwriting.

Cherokee Agency, July 9, 1817.

Sir. In our communication of yesterday we advised you that we had concluded a treaty with the Indians here, to procure the consent of the reservees for whose benefit the reservations were made on the north bank of the Tennessee by the treaty of 1806, and who it appeared had not sold their rights to other individuals we had to promise by a private article that we would pay to Individuals of this nation the sum of four thousand two hundred and Twenty five dollars, to the following persons, and bind ourselves to pay the money or draw Drafts for the same before they would give their consent that the chiefs should cede the national right to the same Viz—To Bird Double three hundred To Else and Susan two hundred and fifty each To Charles Hicks and Major John Walker agent for all other minors interested the sum of three thousand four hundred and Twenty five dollars—which will more fully appear by our memorandum given which is herewith enclosed, with the receipts of the Persons endorsed thereon, for the whole sum by Major Walker and Colo R J Meiggs who was authorised to receive the same. we were compelled to promise to John D Chisolm the sum of one thousand dollars To stop his mouth and attain his consent we have drew a Bill in favour of Colo. Meiggs for this sum—without this we could not have got the national relinquishment. In the course of this conference we were obliged to promise the chiefs from the Arkansas, one hundred dollars each for their expences here—and to three other influential chiefs, the sum of one hundred dollars in presents, this sum

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amounting to six hundred dollars we obtained from Colo. Meiggs, and has drew a Bill in favour of him for the same—all which Bills we hope will be duly honoured and paid we are respectfully

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